

IN THE CLAIMS

1(currently amended). A method for inhibiting ~~pancreatic~~ lipase ~~so as to reduce fat absorption~~ in a mammal related to control animals by orally feeding said mammal an avian antibody that binds ~~pancreatic~~ lipase in the gastro-intestinal tract of said mammal ~~to inhibit the fat hydrolyzing of said pancreatic lipase.~~

2-4(canceled).

H' 5-6(withdrawn).

7(canceled).

8(previously presented). The method of claim 1 wherein prior to the step of feeding said mammal said avian antibody, said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

9-10(withdrawn).

11(canceled).

12-13(withdrawn).

14(currently amended). The method of claim 1 wherein prior to the step of feeding said avian antibody the antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

15-16(withdrawn).

17(canceled).

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(previously presented). The method of claim 1 wherein the orally fed antibody is fed in a powder form.

19-22(canceled).

23-24(withdrawn).

25-30(canceled).

31 (previously presented). The method of claim wherein the orally fed antibody is fed in a liquid form.

32-37(canceled).

38(currently amended). A method ~~for of altering absorption of fat of a mammal to inhibit decreasing the absorption of fat by orally feeding a chicken antibody against lipase,~~ comprising the steps of immunizing an animal with pancreatic lipase to produce pancreatic lipase antibody, and then orally administering said antibody to said mammal to bind pancreatic lipase in its gastrointestinal tract and thereby inhibit the fat hydrolyzing activity of said pancreatic lipase in said tract.

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39(canceled).

40(new). The method of claim 1 wherein the orally fed antibody is fed in an enteric protected form.

41(new). A method for decreasing fat absorption, comprising:

administering a dosage of an antigen that contains lipase to chickens;

optionally administering an additional dosage of the antigen to the chickens;

taking a measurement of an anti-body titer in the chickens, the anti-bodies being chemically adapted to bind lipase;

collecting the anti-bodies from the chickens;

administering the antibodies to an animal; and

measuring fat absorption of the anti-bodies in the animal.

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42(new). The method as claimed in Claim 41 wherein the antigen is swine pancreatic extract.

43(new). The method as claimed in Claim 41 wherein the anti-bodies are collected from the yolks of eggs from the chickens.